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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: T. Lett
NAOTO ARAKAWA	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2625
Application No.: 09/924,725	)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 3968
Filed: August 9, 2001	)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING	)	
APPARATUS, METHOD FOR	:	
CONTROLLING IMAGE	)	
PROCESSING APPARATUS	:	
AND IMAGE PROCESSING	)	
SYSTEM	:	November 28, 2006

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination, please amend the above-identified application  
as follows: